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Awarded journalist shares his time with military on deployment



Shelton Burch
staff writer

2006 Pulitzer Prize winning journalist David Finkel spoke about his most recent book, "Thank You For Your Service," to a crowd that included K-State students, active-duty soldiers and President Kirk Schulz at the K-State Alumni Center Thursday night. His lecture centered on the lives of the soldiers and families that made the book possible.

Despite the varied backgrounds of those in attendance, many agreed that the lecture was unique. Arthur DeGroat, director of the K-State Office of Military Affairs, said that the 230-person turn out was one the largest he'd seen in years. DeGroat said that audience was very intentional, many of whom were specifically invited.

"It was the right audience," DeGroat said. "They're in the position to help."

Finkel read excerpts from his book "Thank You For Your Service," which he wrote to tell the story of soldiers transitioning from a deployment to Iraq back into civilian life.

Finkel had been embedded with members of the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment of Fort

Riley during their tour to Iraq from 2007-2008. Finkel said the unit spent about 14 months in Iraq, about eight of which he was there for.

When he got back, Finkel wrote his first book "The Good Soldiers" about the experiences he witnessed while with the battalion. Afterwards, Finkel said he started to slowly receive calls from soldiers he had met that were having a rough time transitioning. That was when he said he realized he'd only told part of the story.

"I realized that if I was any kind of journalist, I had to get back to work and start writing again," Finkel said.

Finkel said that according to Department of Defense statistics, 2 million soldiers have been deployed overseas, with about 1.5 million that have returned OK. He wrote the second book to give readers a glimpse of the lives of those other 500,000 soldiers that did not make it home.

"That's what this book pays attention to," Finkel said. "The 1.5 million have their own books, this book pays attention to the other half a million."

Lt. Col. Sean Ryan, public affairs officer for Fort Riley, said what made Finkel unique as an embedded

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Shelton Burch | Collegian

David Finkel, winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 2006, came to K-State yesterday to speak about his new book, "Thank You For Your Service." Finkel's book was a compilation of the experiences he collected from interviewing soldiers attempting to readjust to civilian life after deployment.

Expect increase in tuition, housing prices

Jeana Lawrence
co-news editor

The K-State Economics Club released its annual student price index Wednesday, which shows the rate of inflation over this last year. According to the club's 2013 student price index, students should expect to see a 10 percent increase in housing prices, an 8 percent increase in beer prices and a 7 percent increase in tuition costs.

According to Daniel Kuester, director of undergraduate studies in the College of Economics and faculty advisor of the Economics Club, the student price index shows that K-State students suffer from inflation more than the average American.

"The student price index is pretty local whereas the consumer price index is data collected from all over the country," Kuester said. "There's going to be some big differences."

The student price index, much

like the consumer price index, collects data from around the Manhattan area and compares the prices of various categories to data collected from the year before. To collect data, for example, members of the Economics Club would go to Dillons and compare prices of the same products from last year.

Due to the 16 day government shutdown, the consumer price index has not yet been released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This delay changed the process for the student price index slightly, in that they compared prices from August 2012 to August 2013, instead of looking at prices in September 2012.

"There's not going to be much difference when you look at August compared to September," Kuester said.

Jena Terlip, senior in economics and secretary of the club, said she was surprised by the increase

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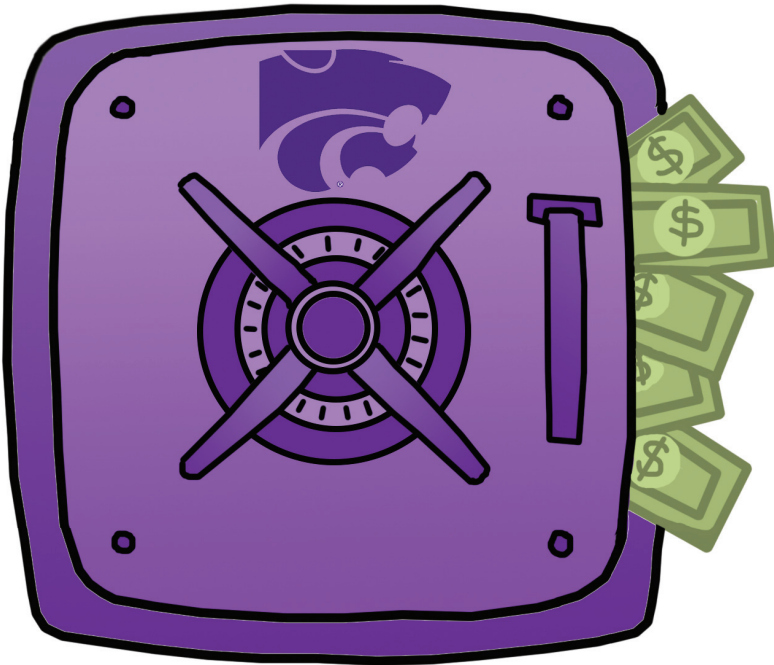


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Transgender adjustment to families, society during transition



Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Taylor Suppes, sophomore in agricultural business, shows how he looks before he began transitioning. Suppes, a male to female transgender, was born a woman and his gender adhered to that social norm before he began his transition.

Jakki Thompson
edge editor

Editor's note: This is part two of a three part series sharing the stories of transitioning transgender students and their interactions with their families,

home life and adjusting to new social norms.

Students coming to college each individually experience that transition of their life differently. Some may miss home and their families. Others may enjoy the

complete freedom collegiate life has to offer.

For others though, college could be the time in their lives to find and transition into who they really are. For three current K-State students and a recent K-State alumna, the collegiate experience was about finding their true gender identity and transitioning into the men and woman they are today.

According to the National Center for Transgender Equality, transgender people are those "whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth." Transgender students present themselves as male or female based on societal or cultural norms opposite of how they were biologically born. Before these students transitioned, they lived cisgender lives. Cisgender is when the way you present yourself on the outside reflects the sex one was given at birth.

Currently, three students are female to male transgender. This means they are moving from a female gender, corresponding with their birth sex, to male. There is one recent alumna who is a male to female transgender staff member at K-State. She lives her life as a woman, even though she was born with the sex of a man and lived as a man before her transition.

Adam O'Brien, senior in fine arts, has been transitioning for more than four years. He is now categorized as "stealth," which the Connecticut Outreach Society defines as a transgender person who has transitioned enough to live as their preferred gender without other people knowing

they are transgender.

"I grew up in Lawrence, so progressive-ness was all around [me and my family]," O'Brien said. "When I came out, [my immediate family] was accepting of it, but it was hard for them to wrap their heads around it. For them, it was even sort of more difficult because they saw my transition in stages. I would come home from K-State and look completely different break to break. My extended family was accepting, not necessarily understanding, but they're really cool with it now. Sometimes, they'll mess up pronouns every once in a while, but they continue to get better with time."

For Will Harmon, junior in English, it was a slightly different experience. Harmon is originally from Americus, Kan. with a population of slightly less than 900 people.

Harmon said he doesn't see his family a lot since coming to college. His sisters weren't too enthusiastic about his transition. While his transition didn't change the fact that Harmon was their sibling, his sisters were losing a sister for a brother, something they weren't used to. He told his parents before telling his siblings.

"My mom, I guess, she was alright with it," Harmon said. "She did offer to tell all of my relatives once I came out and began transitioning. I don't know how my extended family took it. I know my younger cousins, between the ages of 9 and 14, still use my birth name and feminine pronouns. But my older cousins will, like, message me on Facebook and make sure I'm OK."

Harmon said his dad would ask if he was doing this just to be

strange or different, which was a question he was frequently asked.

"No. Who would want to be so different that they were so hated by the majority of the population?" Harmon said.

Growing up in different geographic areas can affect how families react to their children wanting to transition into the opposite gender than how they were raised. Taylor Suppes, sophomore in agricultural business, grew up in Olathe. He said his family wanted him to grow up to be a member of "regular" society - he was expected to be the perfect successful person with lots of money, a big house and too many cars.

"My mother and I don't speak now that I am transitioning," Suppes said. "She knows that I am [transitioning] to some degree. She always expected something of me, something that I'm not. I've always tried to make her happy and be the perfect child. Then I realized I wasn't going to ever live up to her standards; technically no one can."

Suppes said he feels like he can't talk with his family about it because they look down on his transition. He said it's something that affects his life and it isn't their place to make a comment about it.

These three students are at different stages in their transition. Each individual must do different things during different stages in order to fit in with the new social norms they have from transitioning from one gender to another.

O'Brien said he has been binding for about two years. He binds

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Schulz gives K-State 2025 update to senators

Bridget Beran
staff writer

President Kirk Schulz started off the K-State Student Governing Association's meeting last night by updating senators on the progress being made toward K-State 2025 Visionary Plan. Schulz focused on the investment being built in tutoring, advising, honors program, summer bridge program and undergraduate research.

"We want to assure that there's an opportunity to enrich the education of all our students, even in departments that don't generally offer those opportunities," Schulz said.

Schulz also addressed fundraising, in light of the recent \$70 million gift to the College of Engineering. According to Schulz, in the last fiscal year that ended June 30, K-State received \$152 million in philanthropic gifts and pledges.

New construction and building additions were also discussed. The donation to the College of Engineering will go to an addition to Rathbone Hall. Seaton Hall renovations and construction on the new College of Business Administration building will begin later this year.

The College of Human Ecology will gain an addition of a research facility as well. The addition, to be named the Mary and Carl Ice Hall, will be dedicated on next Thursday.

Treanor Architects, the architect that was contracted for the Union renovations, will be on campus on Nov. 4 to meet with SGA and students about the direction they would like to see the project take. Schulz said he is looking forward to the renovation of the K-State Student Union.

A new K-State Welcome Center will also be constructed on the east side of Memorial Stadium after the relocation Purple Masque Theatre is completed.

Senators asked Schulz if the continued increase in enrollment would eventually result in a cap or higher standard to be added to the enrollment. Schulz said that while he believes in K-State being an inclusive university, he believes that these regulations will become necessary at some point.

"You can't keep adding students and adding students and not expect quality to decrease unless you vastly increase everything else," said Schulz.

In regular session, funding for Kappa Delta Pi, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Fire and KSDB-FM was approved.

Accommodations were given to Jordan Priddle, graduate student in counseling and student development, and Tyler Johnson, senior in management, for their work as K-State Ambassadors.

Abby Guenther, senior in food science and industry, was also approved as the Elections Commissioner for the 2013-14 Student Senate term.

Allocations were considered for the Egyptian Students Association, Engineers Without Borders, Gamma Theta Epsilon, Architectural Engineering Institute, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Considerations were referred back to the University Allocations Committee.

Eli Schooley, student body president and senior in political science, announced that the Landon Lecture next Friday will feature six former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture.

It was also announced that to qualify for tier 1 for the K-State versus KU game, students will have to have their ID card scanned at Madness in Manhattan, a free K-State basketball event, next Friday.

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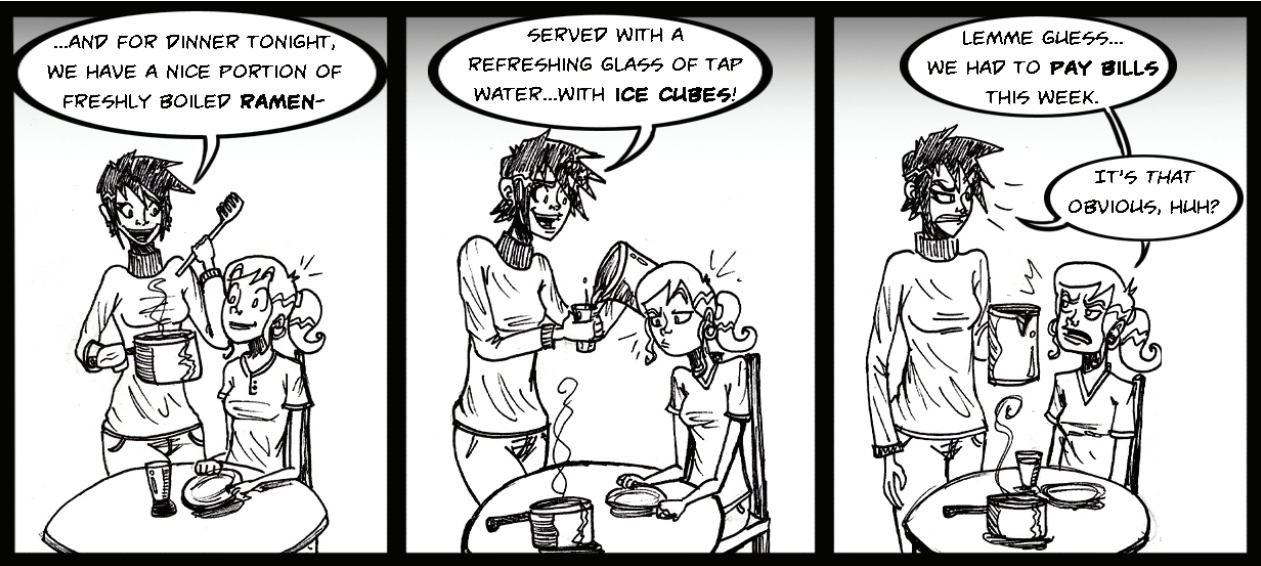
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THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

Wednesday, Oct. 16
Tracey Jerome Toliver, of the 700 block of Griffith Drive, was booked for aggravated burglary and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$23,000.

Jacob Lee Terry, of Ottawa, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Brian Keith Malone, of the 800 block of Church Avenue, was booked for sale or distribution of hallucinogens or mari-

juana and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Michael Douglas Town-ley, of Manhattan, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Matthew Jon Avritt, of the 1700 block of Pierre Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Stefan E. Davis, of the 1000 block of Bluemont Avenue, was

booked for aggravated battery. No bond was listed.

Rachel Rene McClatchy, of the 3300 block of Fairman Circle, was booked for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,000.


Thursday, Oct. 17
Matthew Dale Mc-Clatchy, of the 3300 block of Fairman Circle, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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Drowning in debt



Students fail to pay increasing loans

By [Name] | [Date]

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, many students are struggling to keep up with their loans. According to a recent report, the average student loan balance has increased significantly over the past few years. This has led to a growing number of students who are unable to make their payments, putting them at risk of defaulting on their loans. The consequences of defaulting can be severe, including damage to a student's credit score and the loss of federal aid eligibility. Financial aid advisors are urging students to communicate with their lenders if they are having trouble making payments and to explore options for loan forgiveness or repayment assistance.

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Purple Pride Cup encourages greek students to attend K-State sporting events



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Students cheer at the K-State volleyball game against the U23 Italian team on Sept. 24 in Ahearn fieldhouse. Greek students earn points for their house by attending various athletic events.

Lauren Holtmeier
staff writer

By attending home games of the K-State Athletic Department sports teams, students in the greek community can now earn "points" for their respective chapters. The chapter with the most

points wins the Purple Pride Cup and an on-field trophy presentation at the first K-State football game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in the 2014-15 season. "The main focus of the program is to encourage student attendance at athletic events by engaging the passionate group

of greek community students on campus," Adam Prough, assistant director of K-State Athletics, said. The system is based on the percentage of the chapter in attendance. If 100 percent of the chapter members are at a game, that chapter will receive

100 points. Students simply scan their student ID card at the game, which will then compile an attendance list after each game. There will be opportunities for the chapters to earn bonus points at certain events throughout the year. This Saturday, for instance, greek students will have

a chance to earn double points toward their overall score by attending the K-State women's volleyball game at Ahearn Field House. Another opportunity for double points will be available during the men's basketball season, the date for which has yet to be set. The leaders in points from each chapter will be announced at a select game and will have the chance to take part in a halftime competition to earn more points. One fraternity and one sorority will be announced as the winners at the end of May 2014 on K-State social media profiles. The winners will be allowed to have up to 50 members from its organization on the football field during the award ceremony. There will also be an announcement for the Most Valuable Person, an individual whom earns the most points for his or her team, from each winning chapter. They will receive a free athletic pass for 2014-2015. While the competition is a fun idea, there are a few noticeable drawbacks. One issue is that only greek chapters will be able to compete. This means that only Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council organizations will be eligible. As the fraternity or sorority receive points based on the percentage of the chapter that shows up, another potential drawback of fair scoring arises. Due to the uneven chapter sizes, it is easier for the smaller greek chapters to get 100 percent attendance at the events and earn 100 points, whereas getting a group of 200 men or women together to go to a game is very

difficult. Vince Lamas, junior in public relations and member of Sigma Chi fraternity, said he has not completely bought into the idea of the Purple Pride Cup. "I think it is good for recruiting guys to the house because you can say you won it, but besides that I think it is kind of pointless," Lamas said. However, there is a good portion of the greek community that seems to be enjoying this new competition. Ciara Chambers, sophomore in political science and member of Kappa Delta sorority, said she thinks the Purple Pride Cup is a great opportunity for the greek community. "It is a good way for all of us to get together and support K-State and show our pride for athletics," Chambers said. "I also like that it showcases which greek house has the most K-State spirit." After the football game against Baylor last Saturday, the leaders in the fraternity division were ACACIA, followed by Farmhouse in second place by less than 40 points and Tau Kappa Epsilon in third. In the sorority division, Kappa Delta held the lead, followed by Kappa Alpha Theta in close second by less than 15 points and Alpha Delta Pi in third. Prough said he was not surprised with the high levels of participation up to this point. "K-State students are very passionate about athletics and after working with the leadership within the greek community, we were pretty confident that greek members would embrace the competition and they have," Prough said.

Oklahoma-based energy giant to have patio namesake at new Welcome Center

Jerry Yaussi
staff writer

ONEOK Inc. has made a contribution of \$250,000 to renovations for Memorial Stadium, which has stood at the southwest edge of K-State's campus since 1924 and is often referred to as the "Old Stadium." Established to honor the students and graduates who lost their lives during World War I, Memorial Stadium will be transformed into the K-State Welcome Center. The Kansas State University Foundation is currently raising funds for the renovations. According to K-State's website, "The center will create a welcoming, convenient and progressive environment" for the K-State community.

ONEOK Inc. is a energy company based out of Tulsa, Okla. with distribution companies in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Founded in 1906, ONEOK Inc. is one of the largest distributors of natural gas in the United States. The recent donation of ONEOK Inc. shows the company's commitment to the five year project. "ONEOK has been a major contributor to our school for many years, supporting student life projects, academic and athletic scholarships and programs," Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, said. "Mr. Johnson, a K-State grad, has championed the Welcome Center and our university's interests to this major energy company for a long time." In recognition of this service

and the philanthropic gift for K-State, the patio entrance to the Welcome Center will be christened "the ONEOK Patio." The Welcome Center's entryway will have benches and will be decorated with various landscaping. According to the K-State press release, the ONEOK Patio will provide a direct connection to the parking garage. This passage will be visible to vehicles and pedestrians on 17th Street and Anderson Avenue. "An architecture firm has been selected and we are proceeding with plans to build this one of a kind Welcome Center that will include career employment services and the university's recruiting unit," Bosco said. Philanthropic contributions to the university, such as ONE-

OK's contribution are handled by the KSU Foundation. The foundation, established in 1944, is a separate entity from the university, and was established by the State of Kansas as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit education corporation. Donations are utilized according to the desires of the donors. "The university is extraordinarily grateful," Mindy Weixelman, senior director of annual giving and student life programs, said. With ONEOK Inc.'s donation, the Welcome Center's fundraising program has hit an important milestone. "We're a third of the way there," Mitzi Richards, senior director of corporate and foundation relations, said.



Josh Staab | Collegian

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K-State rowing heads to Lawrence for final regatta

Sean Frye
sports editor

The K-State Wildcats women's rowing team heads to Lawrence this Sunday for the Jayhawk Jamboree, the team's second and last regatta this fall season.

The Wildcats only other regatta was two weeks ago at the Head of the Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Okla., where K-State put four boats in the top 10 of various races.

Other squads that will be racing at Burcham Park in Lawrence include the Kansas Jayhawks, the hosts for the event, as well as the Wichita State Shockers, Tulsa Golden Hurricane and Drake Bulldogs.

K-State head coach Patrick Sweeney said he is happy with where his relatively young squad is at heading into the Jamboree.

"I'm really pleased with where they are right now," Sweeney said. "We have a really young team

right now. But where they're at right now, they're looking pretty good."

While the Wildcats want to have success at the regatta, Sweeney says that the fall events are more like extended practices for the spring season, which is the main time of year for competition rowing in the NCAA.

"Especially at this time of year, this is an extended training session," Sweeney said. "It's a more intense training session and gives us a chance to see where people are at, see them under pressure and how they handle things."

At practice this week, wind and cold weather made it difficult for the Wildcats to go onto open water at Tuttle Creek Lake and get full practices in. So Sweeney had his team work on a lot of technical work this week, which he says is crucial in the early goings of the season.

"It's like anything, when you're preparing you're not killing your-



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The K-State women's rowing team practices at Tuttle Creek in Manhattan on Tuesday. The Wildcats head to Lawrence on Sunday for the Jayhawk Jamboree.

self," Sweeney said. "If you're making technical mistakes, you're just killing yourself. So we want to

get rid of the bad technique." After this last fall regatta, the Wildcats don't return to action

until March 22, 2014 when they travel to Austin, Texas for the Longhorn Invitational.

Equestrian looks to continue success



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Members of the K-State equestrian team groom the horse between events.

Mark Vaca
staff writer

Fresh off a week's worth of rest, the No. 4 ranked K-State equestrian team will be traveling for a Big 12 showdown with No. 7 Baylor and No. 6 TCU. The Wildcats will begin the match today facing off against the Bears, and finish up tomorrow against the Horned Frogs. Head coach Casie Maxwell said she is very confident in the team's

chances.

"Playing two Big 12 meets on the road this weekend will be a challenge to our team," Maxwell said according to a K-State press release. "We have been riding well and building momentum, and I expect them to keep that energy and confidence on the road."

The Wildcats Hunter Seat team are currently on a three-meet win streak, outscoring their opponents 20-7, and

will look to continue their recent success.

Senior Rachel Webster started the season very well for the Wildcats, and will be counted on to keep that early success going. She has a 6-2 overall record with four Most Outstanding Player awards. The two meets she will be performing in will give her the opportunity to add to her early season accolades.

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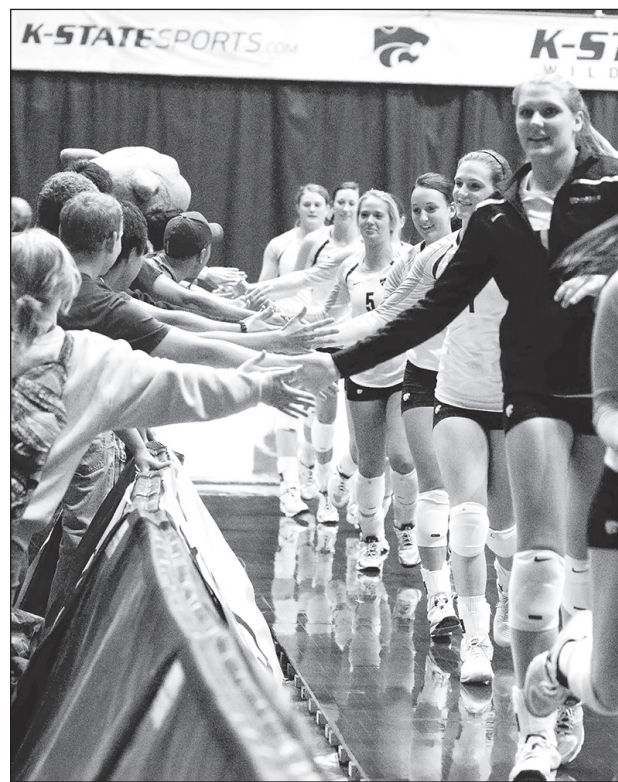
Volleyball faces Texas Tech at home

David Embers
staff writer

The K-State volleyball team will return to action Saturday night against Texas Tech after having a bye this past week. The game will be played at Ahearn Field House, and the first serve will take place at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats lost to Oklahoma University last Saturday 3-1. It has been a story of two seasons thus far for the K-State volleyball team. The Wildcats rocketed out of the gates, winning 12 of their first 13 games, and looked like a team that had a chance to win a conference championship. Since losing an exhibition match to the Italian U-23 National Team, which didn't count towards K-State's overall record, the Wildcats have lost 4 of 5 and dropped to 13-5 on the season. Their lone win in that time came against TCU. The adversity has the Wildcats searching for answers and a spark that will move them in a positive direction.

Perhaps this can all be turned around against a Red Raiders team that has struggled all season. Texas Tech currently sits at 8-13, 1-5 in the Big 12, with their lone conference win coming against TCU. The Red Raiders started off the season 5-1, but have lost 12 of 15 since. Much of the



Jed Barker | Collegian

K-State volleyball fans line up for high fives after K-State beat TCU 3-2 at Ahearn Fieldhouse on Oct. 5.

rough start can be attributed to Texas Tech's lack of experience. The Red Raiders have only one senior, and roll out a rotation of mostly freshman

and sophomores. It has been a learning curve for the young players, especially once the

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Cross-Country traveling to Indiana, relying on young runners to secure wins

Emilio Rivera
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The K-State cross-country teams are heading to Terre Haute, Ind. on Saturday to compete in the Pre-National Invitational. This event will give teams nationwide their first look at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center, the site of the 2013 Di-

vision I cross country national championships.

The Wildcats are headed to the course after a strong showing at the Rim Rock Invitational in Lawrence two weeks ago. Both teams finished third in the invitational and each had ten top-50 finishers, with five for both squads finishing in the top-10.

The men are being led by senior Ryan Hershner, who finished eighth in Lawrence with a time of 25:25.91.

The freshman trio of Jeff Bachman, Brett Bachman and Lukas Koch, who finished 11th, 14th and 21st respectively, seem to have been hitting a stride over the last few races and are going into this week

with high hopes. The Wildcats will have to rely on the three freshmen, as well as their other young runners, to make a statement during this large event.

The women, who have finished in the top three in all three races this season, are going into the Pre-National Invitational with high hopes as well.

The Wildcats will have to

rely on senior Martina Tresch, who finished fifth with a time of 21:07.80 in her first 6k race since 2011. Tresch will have to set the tone for the Wildcats in the race.

Another key runner for the Wildcats will be junior Laura Galvan, who finished eighth two weeks ago. Galvan, who is considered by many to be the

best runner for the women, will have to rely on her preparation to lead her team in a very tough competition.

They will have to continue to improve because the Pre-National Invitational will be the last competition for the Wildcats as they prepare for the Big 12 Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2.



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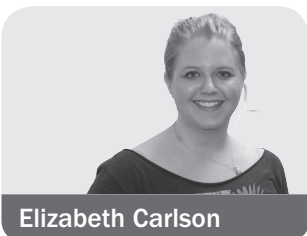
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Breast cancer awareness campaigns sexist, rude



A day or so before sitting down to write this piece, one of my peers inquired about the subject of my next column. After I explained to him my subject of choice, he replied “You’ve already written an article about breastfeeding in public. I think you’ve got some sort of weird fixation with boobs!”

Contrary to his belief, it is not I that have this obsession: it is our culture! Most of us frequently encounter bracelets, t-shirts, bumper stickers and other paraphernalia advocating for breast cancer awareness, especially this month. While I’m wholly supportive of raising funds for research and treatment,

I have a problem with some of the ways this is done. A large majority of the merchandise I come across says something like “I Heart Boobies”, “Save the Boobies” or “Save Second Base”. Yes, the target of treatment is on breasts, because that’s where the cancer is located. Yet our priorities are shallow and petty, focus on the idealistic – yet unrealistic – cosmetics and sex appeal of a woman’s body, rather than the life at stake.

Whenever you hear of someone undergoing treatment for cancer in other parts of the body – colon cancer, lung cancer, leukemia, etc. – it is unusual to hear “save [said affected body part]”. The focus of raising awareness and providing treatment is directly focused on saving that person’s life. It is true that the goal of treatment is to preserve or save certain body parts, but that is due to the fact that those body parts are necessary for that person’s survival. You also never see it thrown about in crude slang terms such as “Save the Air-Sacks” or “Save the

Poop-Tubes”. When someone singles out breasts, it reduces them down to objects of pleasures rather than maintaining their status as a functioning part of a woman’s anatomy.

I am not offended by women and their partners of choice enjoying breasts as boobs in the appropriate circumstances, but I see it as highly improper to objectify breasts as objects of pleasure when the threat of cancer becomes dangerous to a woman’s life.

We have recently learned that celebrity actress Angelina Jolie underwent a double mastectomy due to her high risk of developing breast cancer. Comments I’ve seen floating around online include the following: “Poor Brad!”, “Well, now she won’t be as hot,” and “But her boobs were so awesome!”

First of all, not “poor Brad.” Jolie made a decision to potentially save herself. One should hope that the relief of having his wife around for significantly more time to be with him, and their loved ones, would be

worth removing the equivalent to deadly explosives from her chest.

Second, if one thinks that a woman’s breasts are her main source of attraction, then I recommend that person start thinking of women as people and not as sex toys.

Third, yes her breasts looked great. However, the fact that she can continue to live her life, and be there for her family as long as possible, is a million times more awesome and admirable than simply having a sexy body.

The implications of these modern day campaigns are insulting to the current patients, fallen victims and the survivors of breast cancer. These claims of “support” focus on preserving a single body part of the female anatomy for superficial reasons, rather than women fighting to survive. Having several friends who have lost mothers and other loved ones to breast cancer, I can confidently attest that the loss of their loved ones’ life was far more devastating than the possibility of

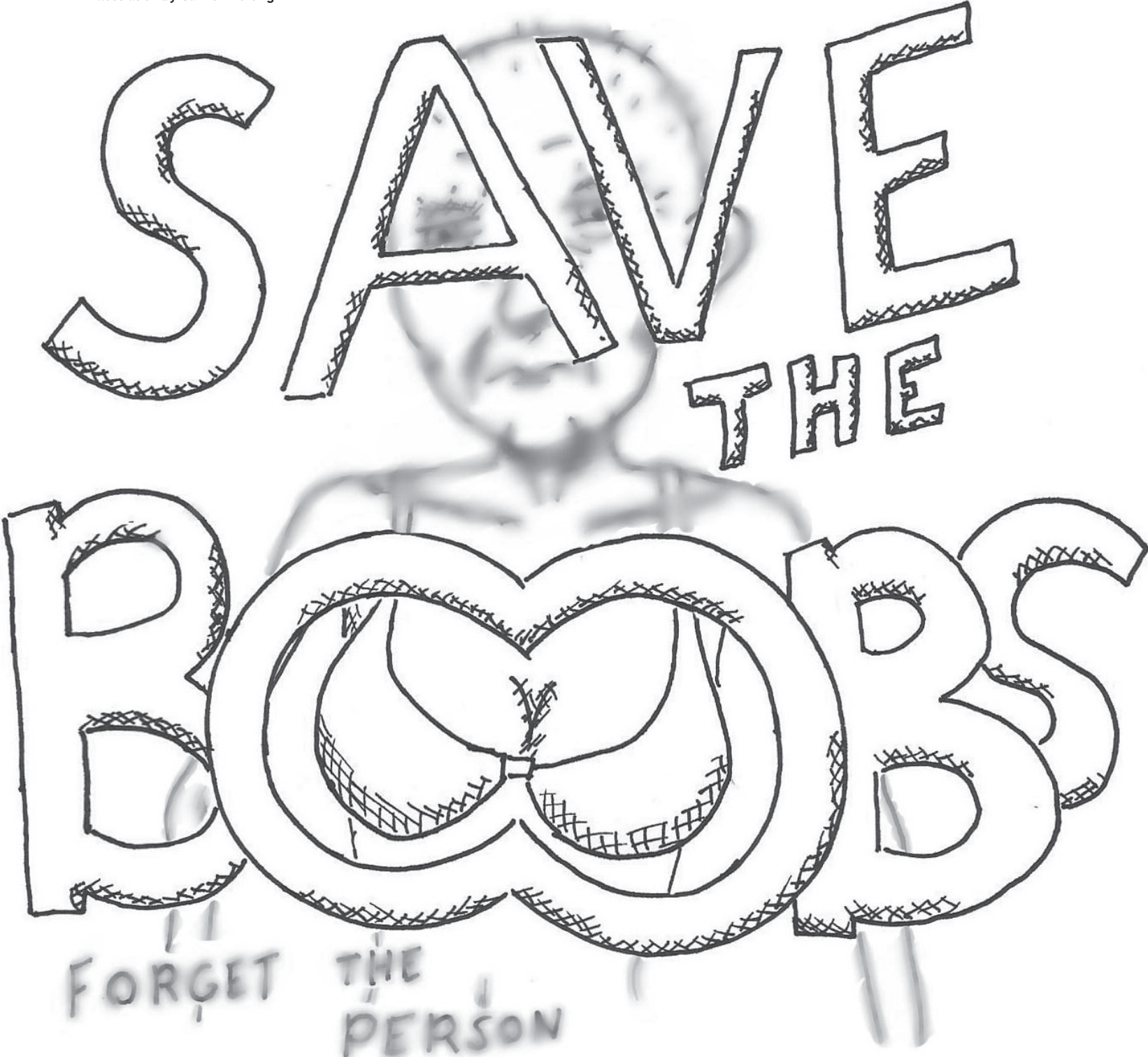
losing a pair of breasts.

Based on these advertisements for awareness, it gives me little faith that those who choose to flaunt merchandise with demeaning phrases and slang regarding an extremely serious matter are doing so with the initial interest of supporting women battling for survival, rather than saving a body part to be groped and ogled at.

Just because it is located on breasts does not make it a pleasure-oriented issue, and it does not reduce the risk of mortality a victim faces. Breast cancer needs to be recognized in the same frame of mind and with the same concern as any other type of deadly illness. In order to raise the proper awareness, campaigns that value boobs more than a woman’s life need to end. Breast cancer is still cancer. Don’t forget it.

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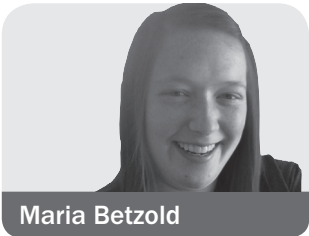
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Salina paper hiding from criticism by removing editorial bylines



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The Salina Journal has taken away the bylines on every single editorial that will be published in the newspaper, the reason being that Journal editorials don’t just express the writer’s opinion: they express the Journal’s.

According to the Journal’s release of this information on Oct. 6, “[Use of bylines is] a practice that was put in place on the theory that readers might want to know who was writing the opinion. But it has become increasingly apparent that the opinions written with a name attached have been construed as the writer’s opinion, and that writer’s alone.”

The Salina Journal is trying to say that members of the editorial board have agreed with that writer and his or her opinion therefore is the Journal’s own opinion now.

The Journal went on to say that, “In point of fact, that opinion has been agreed upon by more than one person, including editor and publisher M. Olaf Frandsen. And oftentimes other top-level newsroom administrators have chimed in.”

If you think like I do, then when reading this you probably wondered how every single person representing the Salina Journal could possibly have the same opinion. A whole newspaper could have an opinion if and only if every employee believed in the same core principles. If the editors agree with the writer, why can’t the writer state that? To take away the byline is cowardly on

the newspaper’s part.

In the same editorial about no longer having bylines on editorials, the Salina Journal said that opinion pieces lead to rebuttal if a byline is attached because the personality of the writer is a factor to readers, especially if the writer is well known within the area. They said that by removing bylines, they hope to cause more debate about the subject matter because that should be the purpose of opinion pieces, rather than the person stating their opinion.

I believe that the Salina Journal is hurting their credibility as a newspaper by doing this. Readers enjoy knowing that reporters are people too. We aren’t untouchable and inhuman. Reporters are consistently out talking to people and networking for stories to submit to the general public. The opinion page is where reporters can express views that we hold and defend them with research and statistics. If a reader disagrees with that writer, that’s fine.

A newspaper as a whole, however, needs to be objective. The Salina Journal is not being objective when they take away bylines and say that they hold that opinion as a newspaper.

For example, what if the published opinion piece is about something controversial, like LGBT issues, but on the very next page is a supposedly nonpartisan news piece about the LGBT community? A reader is going to jump to the conclusion that the newspaper is not being objective. In this situation, the newspaper could be considered biased and then could be accused of discrimination because of its inability to provide a writer’s name.

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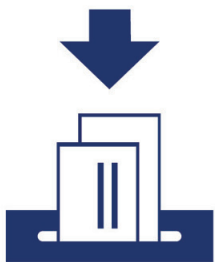


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Ivory faces continue to be mainstay in fashion world, racism present



The modeling industry is known for its pretty faces, rail-thin figures, skin as smooth as polished marble and smiles like staring into the brightest star. But what is a galaxy with only one star? What is the fashion world with only one color?

Fashion Week is like the Super Bowl to the catwalk-savvy populace. But runway after runway, only one ‘color’ seems to be fashionable each season - Caucasian. In a study by Jezebel Magazine, for this year’s Spring Fashion Week in

New York City, 82.7 percent of models on the field were Caucasian. Sitting on the sidelines, 9 percent were of Asian descent, leaving African American models as the water boy at a measly 6 percent. Now, not only do teenagers have to worry about being pretty and thin enough to be a model, they also have to worry about if their skin color is right, too.

One group decided to take the issue to the source. In a letter to the heads of fashion weeks in New York, Paris, Milan and London, the Diversity Coalition called the industry out on its lack of colored models.

“Eyes are on an industry that season after season watches design houses consistently use one or no models of color,” the letter said. “No matter the intention, the result is racism. Not accepting another based on the color of their skin is clearly

beyond ‘aesthetic’ when it is consistent with the designer’s brand. Whether it’s the decision of the designer, stylist or casting director, that decision to use basically all white models, reveals a trait that is unbecoming to modern society. It can no longer be accepted, nor confused by the use of the Asian model!”

The letter contained a list of fashion designers whose model selections paled in comparison to the actual diversity in society. The Council of Fashion Designers of America received a list of 19 female and seven male designers. France topped all three with 23 females and 21 males.

While this may be news to the general public, for people of color who have worked in the industry for a number of years, this is life. Beverly Johnson, former African American model and fashion mogul, was faced with racism on

a daily basis.

“[It happened] all the time,” Johnson said to “Women’s Wear Daily.” “I’d be on a modeling assignment with a white model and we’d be taking the same amount of pictures, wearing the same number of outfits, but she’d be paid one amount and I’d be paid another, lesser amount. Once I understood, I began brushing up on my history. I learned that this was a challenge I would have to face daily in my life.”

Although it seems there have been multiple attempts throughout the years for a reform in the fashion world, the dresses, scarves and skirts all continue to be donned without people of color. Since 2008, Caucasian models have continued to hold the 80 percent bracket, while everyone else fends for their part of the mostly eaten pie.

Why, is the question. What is

the reasoning behind this seemingly obvious racist activity? Could it be ideals held by the designers? It wasn’t too long ago that one label came under fire due to a racist outburst by John Galliano, Dior designer. His offensive outburst was caught on camera.

“I love Hitler,” Galliano said to two women of color in a French coffee shop in 2011. “People like you would be dead today. Your mothers, your forefathers, would be f***ing gassed and f***ing dead.”

This got Galliano fined €6,000, or \$8,400 US dollar equivalent, by a French court for giving a racist verbal assault. The designer was also dropped from Dior. However, just two years later, Galliano was welcomed back into the fashion world with open arms.

Surely, this could not be the shared ideals of everyone in the fashion world, could it? Didier

Grumbach, president of the Chambre Syndicale, was puzzled by the letter he received by the Diversity Coalition. The Chambre put on Paris’ Fashion Week. One Grumbach said they would showcase designers of 22 nationalities, five continents and be displayed in close to 100 shows. From the live coverage, however, their models still lacked skin pigment.

Will the runways ever have more to show than pretty, ivory faces? History says no. The models say no. The designers’ actions, though they deny it, say no. Only time will tell if the letter sent to the heads of Fashion Weeks around the world will make skin color next season’s “must have.”

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TRANS | Binding, hormones, bathrooms present transgender challenges

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with a partial binder that goes from mid-sternum to the midriff area.

Binding refers to wearing a compression garment under one’s clothing to compress feminine breasts and give the body a more flat, masculine look. Binding is something most female to male transgender people must do.

For Harmon, he must wear almost a full body binder. This goes from about the collar bone to the middle of the thighs. Harmon said he has to wear a full body binder because he had large breasts, as well as an hour glass, feminine body structure. The binder evens Harmon’s body out to look more masculine.

A tri-binder is what Suppes uses. The tri-binder has shoulder straps and ends along the line of diaphragm. All binders can cause issues with breathing, potential spinal pain and other upper body issues due to the constant pressure the upper body is put under. Binding is for transgender men who either haven’t, can’t or don’t want to have their breasts reduced or all of the breast tissue removed.

O’Brien is the only transgender

man of the three on the male hormone testosterone. Before taking testosterone, O’Brien had to find and meet with a gender therapist for some time before finding an endocrinologist. The endocrinologist needed the official OK from O’Brien’s gender therapist before beginning treatment. The endocrinologist actually prescribes O’Brien the testosterone, whether that is a shot, patch or pill.

Among other things, testosterone increases one’s sex drive, allows O’Brien to grow facial hair, stops menstrual cycles and redistributes fat around the hip and waist area to make the body look more traditionally masculine. The effects of testosterone are irreversible, even if treatment is stopped.

Kara Baker, lab technician in plant pathology and spring 2011 K-State graduate in microbiology, is a male to female transgender person. She said her experiences with hormones were similar to O’Brien’s. She said she had to find a gender therapist, who would then be able to explain to an endocrinologist that Baker was pursuing, wanted to and is living life as a woman.

Baker has been prescribed estrogen, a female hormone sup-

plement, and antiandrogen, a testosterone blocker. The effects of estrogen include decrease in sex drive, fewer instances of waking up with an erection, slower growth of facial and body hair, and increased breast growth, among other changes.

“Some of my girlfriends took me out shopping when we were in Indianapolis,” Baker said. “We went shopping at Goodwill because I essentially had to buy a completely new wardrobe when I began transitioning. That’s the one downside to transition while having just graduated college. You might have money, but not a lot of it, and you don’t have an actual career yet. My girlfriends also taught me how to put on makeup and how to fix my hair more femininely. It’s been growing out for years.”

Bathrooms are a difficult place for transgender people. Harmon said he often tries to avoid public restrooms, unless absolutely necessary. If he does have to use a public restroom, he tries to find a unisex one.

O’Brien and Suppes both use the men’s restroom, unless there is an easily accessible unisex bathroom. Sometimes they get odd looks, but both pass well enough

as men for no one to really notice.

Baker uses the women’s restroom, even though there were initially issues with Baker using the women’s bathroom before she legally changed her name and gender identity. Those issues, though addressed, are still pending a final solution. While none interviewed have faced blatant discrimination within a public restroom, some have heard comments and received awkward looks.

“I’ve heard horror stories of what has happened to some transgender people in public bathrooms,” Harmon said. “I don’t want those things to happen to me. I usually use my own private one-on-one bathroom where I know it’s safe and is locked. Sometimes

I’ll try to brave a bathroom in one of the more liberal buildings on campus. But I won’t use one unless it’s a single, locked bathroom.”

Through transitioning from one gender to another, four K-State students have had to learn a completely different set of social norms and customs. With these customs varying from having to now shave their face or having to wear a bra, Harmon, O’Brien, Baker and Suppes all have experienced things they may not have expected at the beginning of their journeys.

Though the customs may have varied for each individual, these students have felt love and loss from their families through all of the changes. But, Suppes said he would like to see more support from the larger community in un-

derstanding and supporting the transgender community through all stages of people’s transitions.

“I believe I was born this way,” Suppes said. “It wasn’t a mess up or something that happened. The world needs to change its perception on this community. The [transgender] community needs to be out there and needs to receive support. If there was more support and education and just knowing of someone else out there like you, people wouldn’t have to go through [transitioning] alone.”

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